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For: MITOGEN-ACTIVATED PROTEIN
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METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2001, be extended for a period of **four (4)** months from **May 2, 2001** up to and including **September 4, 2001**. Applicants note that the deadline for responding to the instant office action (*i.e.*, September 2, 2001) is a Sunday and the following Monday (*i.e.*, September 3, 2001) is a Federal holiday. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this response is timely filed as it is being submitted on or before the next business day (*i.e.*, Tuesday, September 4, 2001).

The fee for this extension is estimated to be **\$695.00** (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted, by: *Jacqueline Benn*
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